

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 30th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Bevan (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	George Day (Ann)
Monday 31st July <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 1st August <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Maryanne Stewart (Sick)
Wednesday 2nd August <i>Weekday in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Margaret Horne (RIP)
Thursday 3rd August <i>Weekday in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Susan Wilson (Ann)
Friday 4th August <i>Memorial of St John Mary Vianney</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
Saturday 5th August <i>Weekday in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tommy Clarke (RIP)
<i>Vigil of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	Bill Clelland (Spec Int)
Sunday 6th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Tom McGrath (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Roger Pasquin (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Emily McDonagh (Ann)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)
Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryiol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
Parish Assistant – Dean McGuire (email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) newsletter submissions to be received by 12 noon on a Friday.
Parish Safeguarding Officers - Michael McCourt (PiC); Lisa Quinn & Karen Parker (J&C); Andrew Millar & Christopher Nwachukwu (OLoL)

Marriages & Baptisms

Arrangements for weddings for which six months notice is required and Baptisms should be made by appointment with one of the clergy.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations & Funeral Arrangements

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the parish office to arrange for Fr. Joshua to visit. For funeral arrangements please contact Fr Joshua or Deacon Pat. The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Gowans (Tel: 01592 592111) and for Queen Margaret Hospital Fr Syriac (625611) *A patient/family request must be made before the clergy can visit.*

Names for sick list

Names can only be added by the person themselves or by a member of the family. *Please advise the Parish Office.*

Mass Intentions

If you wish for a Mass to be said for deceased relatives or friends, an anniversary or special or private intention, please collect an envelope from the back of the Church. When complete these can be placed in collection plate or post through the door of the presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes, or given to the Priest. Please print the name of person in block capitals for ease of eligibility.

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Reflection - Close Encounters with the Kingdom of God

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom to treasure hidden in a field, to a merchant on the lookout for fine pearls and to a fisherman's dragnet which brings in a very mixed catch.

The point of the parables is the behaviour of the people in them.

In the first parable someone stumbles across the treasure by chance. Sometimes that can happen to us, too. We are happily living our lives when, by chance, something happens or we meet someone and our lives change for ever. On reflection we discern the presence of God in that encounter.

In the second parable the Kingdom is found after a long search. It is a reassurance that those who seek always find, and those who knock on the door will always have it opened.

The third parable introduces a note of reality: the Kingdom is a mixture of all kinds of things and some sorting out is needed.

In the first two parables the joy and delight of those who find (experience) the Kingdom is obvious. It is so strong that nothing is spared in order to possess the Kingdom.

The purpose of parables is not to provide answers to questions but to get us to think.

As we know, the Kingdom of God is not a 'thing' or a 'place'. It is an experience or an encounter with the life of God.

In the life and ministry of Jesus many people experienced the Kingdom through their encounter with him which brought dignity, love, forgiveness, release from illness, disability, guilt, shame and even death. Jesus made present the reign of God's grace for people in all kinds of need.

While we are sometimes overwhelmed by the experience of the presence of God within our hearts, more often we experience the reign of God's grace through others. These people, like Jesus, somehow make present, make real the presence and action of God especially (but not only) in our moments of need.

Having experienced that, we too, want to possess, to find and hold onto, the Source which touched us so deeply and brought us hope, comfort and freedom.

The kingdom, as we are reminded in the third parable, is a mixed bag of good and rotten fish, saints and sinners. It is not the task of members of the kingdom to judge; the final sorting out belongs to God alone. In the meantime, patience and tolerance must guide the practice of those in the kingdom.

The people of the kingdom seek the things that are of real value in life. They are prepared to make great sacrifices in order to make them their own. They live their lives with virtue and wisdom and their lives are a blessing for others as they draw from their rich store of values and virtues, of wisdom and grace. They never stop seeking the things of real value, the riches of the kingdom and they never stop making God present for those around them.

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarm.org)

The Parish Clergy

Parish Administrator:

Rev Fr. Joshua Kauras

**Parish Deacon
(Permanent):**

Rev. Pat Carrigan

Parish Office Staff:

Mary Irvine &
Dean McGuire



St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline**

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

1 KINGS 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118

R. Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways. (R)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. ‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

This Weeks News & Events

Archdiocesan Clergy Changes

It is with great sadness but with heartfelt thanks we announce that Fr Joshua will be leaving our parish to take up a new position as Assistant Priest at Ss. Mary & David, Hawick-Jedburgh-Kelso, residing in Kelso. Fr Joshua arrived in the parish on 20 March 2021 and has been with us for over two years. During his time here Fr Joshua has been a faithful servant to God devoting his time to bringing our parishes together for the good of our faith. He leaves us with our heartfelt best wishes for the future and the best of luck in his new parish.

We are pleased to share the news that at the request of His Grace Archbishop Leo, Fr Andrew Kingham has been appointed as the Parish Priest of the Most Holy Trinity residing in Dunfermline. Many parishioners from Rosyth will remember Fr Andrew from his time as parish priest at Ss John & Columba’s previously.

We pray for both Fr Joshua and Fr Andrew as they take their positions in their new parishes may our Blessed Lord bless and guide them in their ministry as we all move forward in our faith journey. These changes will become canonically effective on 6 October 2023.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto

Spaces on the bus to Carfin Grotto are filling up fast for the national pilgrimage on Sunday 3rd September with Mass beginning at 3pm. The cost of a seat on the bus is £10 per person with pickup/drop of stops being outside the three churches. If you are interested in attending on the bus please add this to the list at the back of the church by Sunday 6 August. Money will be collected from next week. Please note on the above date there will be no 5pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes. Spaces will be limited to 76.

Ss John & Columba’s Grotto - Weekly Update

The grand total so far for the grotto is **£2836.80**. As you can see work on the grotto commenced but has been briefly paused, work will commence again very soon. Once completed the final items such as benches as well as plants etc will be added. His Grace the Archbishop plans to be with us on Saturday 30th September to open and dedicate the grotto. Thank you to everyone for all their support thus far if you are able to, please continue to financially support this worthwhile cause through the second collection or our fundraising events.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome - September 2024

We are pleased to share the exciting news as the Parish of the Most Holy Trinity we are going to have our first parish pilgrimage abroad to Rome. The trip is in the planning stages with the intended travel dates in September of next year for five days from Monday to Friday. Travelling will be from Glasgow to Rome (with Jet2 Holidays) hotel accommodation and coach transfer and all other costs (excluding meals and spending money) we expect cost to be around £600 per person. Information packs on the trip as well as a registration of interest form will be available soon.

Festival Mass

The new Apostolic Nuncio, HE Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, will be the main celebrant at the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023 at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh. His Grace Archbishop Cushley will concelebrate and preach the homily. All are welcome.

Festival Music Event

You are welcome to join the Schola Cantorum of St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh on Monday 14 August at 7:30pm for a unique performance of Paul Mealor’s sacred choral music along with an interview with the man himself. It’s a unique opportunity to hear from one of the world’s most performed living composers. Tickets £16 (under 16s £5) available from the Fringe Box Office, Eventbrite or on the door.

Archdiocesan Events for 2023/24

A poster with the most up to date planned events for the Archdiocese is now available at the back of all the churches. All events will be updated on our website for reference in the future. You are most welcome to as many of the events as you wish.

Sunday 23rd July 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u>St Peter in Chains</u> <u>Inverkeithing</u>	<u>Ss John & Columba’s</u> <u>Rosyth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> <u>Dunfermline</u>
Offertory Collection	£271.01	£184.00	£467.72
Second Collection		£62.00 (Grotto)	£31.28 (Building Fund)
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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